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This settlement only serves to extend Microsoft's market dominance into education, which has historically been Apple Computer's major area of market penetration. The suggested remedy would both weaken a competitor, and serve to prop up Microsoft in the long run.

The proposal suggested by Red Hat is a good one, as it would promote the use of Open Source software among young people, and would extend the base of Linux knowledge in schools and among educators. The major advantages to this approach is that Linux makes good use of both new and older hardware, and there are no renewal licenses coming due down the road. There are now excellent word processors, spreadsheets, graphical presentation and database applications available for the Linux operating system. Plus, many excellent computer languages and development environments to train budding computer scientists.

So, restrict Microsoft to supplying the hardware. Open up the schools to Open Source software, beginning with the Linux operating system.

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